



Mr. Joe Yun
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Via email: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

Subject: Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant – Preliminary Recommendation Comments

Dear Mr. Yun:

We are very pleased to see that the Gateway IRWM Region's planning grant application has been recommended for funding under Proposition 84 by the Department of Water Resources staff and want to express Amigos de los Rio's support for the award of this grant to the Gateway IRWM Authority.

Amigos de Los Rios has and will continue to partner with the Gateway Authority to ensure that our mutual goals are achieved in the most efficient and participatory manner possible. The Gateway Region is a tremendously diverse area of nearly 2 million people. Twelve of our 26 cities are classified as disadvantaged. Accordingly, we appreciate that Gateway Authority has structured its governing board to include officials from disadvantaged communities, water retailers and wholesalers, and water quality advocacy groups, ensuring that all stakeholders have a direct say in guiding, selecting, and participating in the decision-making process for both regional planning and implementation efforts. The funding recommended by DWR for planning efforts will enable the Gateway Authority to efficiently and effectively coordinate a truly inclusive planning and implementation process.

I appreciate the enormous undertaking by Department of Water Resources to craft guidelines and solicitations to carry out the IRWM program. I encourage your continued support of IRWM groups like the Gateway IRWM Authority, which place disadvantaged community leaders at the helm of regional planning efforts and which continue to enjoy ground-level support from their stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claire Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claire" being more prominent than the last name "Robinson".

Claire Robinson
President & Managing Director
Amigos de los Rios